Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 4, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 1 shows the cross-section of a steel cord 10 according to the invention. The steel cord 10 comprises a steel core filament 12 of 0.30 mm. This steel core filament 12 has been coated in advance, e.g. by means of an extrusion process, by a polymer 14 [[12]] such as polyethylene terephtalate (PET). PET has proven to be a suitable polymer because of its low absorption of humidity and of its high resistance against mechanical fretting of neighbouring filaments. Prior to the twisting process of the steel cord 10, the diameter of the PET coated steel core filament 12, 14 amounts to about 0.38 mm. An intermediate layer of six intermediate steel filaments 16 is twisted around the PET coated core steel filament 12, 14. The diameter of the intermediate steel filaments 16 is 0.30 mm. The twisting step of the intermediate steel filaments 16 is 9 mm in S-direction. Due to the radial pressure of the intermediate layer filaments 16, the PET 14 flows somewhat between the intermediate steel filaments 16. An outer layer of eleven outer steel filaments 18 is twisted around the intermediate steel filaments 16. The outer steel filaments 18 have been polygonally preformed according to EP-B1-0 734 468. The diameter of the outer steel filaments 18 is 0.28 mm. The twisting step of the outer steel filaments 18 is 18 mm in S-direction.